



Welcome to the May edition of the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

May Club Meeting - May 7th, Stratford Town Center

And here we are in the month of May, ready for warmer weather and longer evenings. Our next monthly meeting is coming up next Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2024 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the fall 2023 and the current spring 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last year, we've learned about a broad range of topics such as alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, HF antennas in the field, Parks on the Air Activations, and contesting.

Spring 2024 Basic Licensing Course - Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown

The current basic licensing course is coming to a successful end. The last teaching session is scheduled for Monday, May 6th, followed by a review night on Thursday, May 9th.

The first exam is scheduled for the evening of Thursday May 23rd at 19:00, and the second session is going to be on Saturday May 25th. Future sessions will be scheduled if needed.

Contact Brent VY2HF to register for an exam.

SMART24 - May 4th, Springhill NS

The annual Symposium for Maritime Amateur Radio Technology (S.M.A.R.T.) is taking place this coming Saturday at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill NS. Our very own Bill VY2WM and Brent VY2HF will be teaching a class on WINLINK at 9:00 A.M. in

classroom 1. Good luck to both of you, and much fun to everyone driving down for this exciting event! For more information, check out their website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/smartwestcumbarc/home>

Dayton Hamvention - May 17th-19th, Dayton, Ohio

It's nearly time again for the Dayton Hamvention, the largest ham radio event in the world! This great event is set to take place over the course of three days, from Friday May 17th until Sunday May 19th, at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, near Dayton, Ohio. For more information, check out their website: <https://hamvention.org/>

Halifax Flea Market - June 8th, Waverley NS

The Halifax Flea Market will be held on Saturday June 8th at a new location. This time it will be at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 90, 2234 Rocky Lake Dr, Waverley, NS B2R 1R4. More information is available at the Halifax Amateur Radio Club's Facebook page at this link:

https://www.facebook.com/event_invite/23M0yn6cb/

Charlottetown Flea Market - July 27th, (likely) St. Mark's Church

Plans are under way for a July flea market here in Charlottetown at St. Mark's Church, at 7 Tamarac Ave. on Saturday July 27th. We expect to have lots of room for tables, a kitchen, lots of parking and some outdoor space. Ricardo has reached out to the Church, and we hope to finalize our plans at the May club meeting.

Meetings and Events Calendar - May

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday night 2M net, 7:30 P.M. (1930) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

4, 11, 18, 25: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

4: SMART24

5-10: [Emergency Preparedness Week](#)

6: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

7: Monthly club meeting

17-19: Dayton Hamvention

Future Events

June 8: **Halifax Flea Market**

June 22-23: **Field Day**

July 1: **RAC Canada Day Contest**

July 6: **Cape Bear Lighthouse Event** (currently in planning stage)

July 7-12: **Youth on the Air Camp** in Halifax

July 27: **Charlottetown Flea Market**

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.